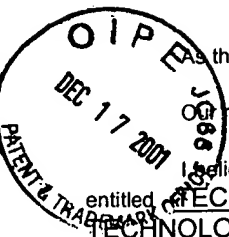


JOINT DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION



As the below named inventor, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names;

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled TECHNIQUES FOR PROVIDING AND OBTAINING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ON REMOTE COMPUTING RESOURCES the specification of which

() is attached hereto.

(X) was filed on September 12, 2001 as Application Serial Number 09/950,006 and was amended on

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We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

Prior Foreign Application(s)

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Country	Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)	Date of Issue (day, month, year)	Priority Claimed Under 35 U.S.C. 119
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Prior United States Provisional Application(s)

We hereby claim the benefit under 37 C.F.R. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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Prior United States Application(s)

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below, and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, We acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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And we hereby appoint, both jointly and severally, as our attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith the following attorneys, their registration numbers being listed after their names:

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